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TO

Amend the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, so far as A.D. 1878.
relates to Lunatic Asylums.

WHEREAS it was enacted by the fifth section of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, that after the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, advances should not be made out of the Consolidated Fund for the opening or maintenance of lunatic asylums, but no sufficient provision was made by the said Act for authorising presentments to be made by grand juries upon estimates of the expense necessary for the maintenance of such asylums, nor for the apportionment of such expense between two or more counties, and it is necessary to make such provision :

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same :

1. The inspectors of lunatics in Ireland shall, at such times in each year and in such manner and form and for such period as the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, by and with the advice and consent of the Privy Council in Ireland, shall from time to time direct, estimate the sums of money which shall be necessary for the support and maintenance of every district lunatic asylum, including the support and maintenance of the officers thereof and patients therein, and in every case in which the district of a lunatic asylum shall consist of more than one county shall estimate what proportion of such sums of money is to be contributed by and charged on each county comprised in the district of such lunatic asylum, and shall make out for each county a certificate in such form as the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors shall from time to time prescribe, under the hands or hand of the said inspectors, or one of them, specifying the amount of money so estimated to be necessary for the support and main-
- Expenses of maintenance of lunatic asylums.
- [Bill 219.]

A.D. 1878. tensance of the district lunatic asylum of and for such county during
the said period, and specifying that the whole or a certain portion
thereof, as the case may be, is properly contributable by and
chargeable on the said county, and shall transmit the certificate
to the secretary of the grand jury of such county, (when approved 5
and certified by the Chief or Under Secretary to the Lord Lieu-
tenant,) to be laid before the grand jury, and thereupon the grand
jury of such county shall (without any previous proceeding at
presentment sessions) make a presentment for the amount specified
in such certificate as properly contributable by the said county, to 10
be raised off the county at large, and to be paid to the governors
of the district lunatic asylum, or in default thereof the amount
shall be raised by an order of the judge of assize or of the court at
any presenting term, which order shall have the force of a present-
ment. In this Act the term "county" extends to and includes 15
any county of a city or county of a town included at the time of
the passing of this Act in the district of any district lunatic asylum,
and the term "grand jury," as regards any city or borough the
town council of which is authorised to make presentments for the
support and maintenance of a district lunatic asylum, includes such 20
town council, and the term "secretary of the grand jury" includes
the town clerk of such town council.

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